

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.505 Authorization to cancel previous registration; signature; form; notice of cancellation; effect of previous address in another state; duties of clerk; authorization to cancel or notice received from another state.**

Sec. 505. (1) At the time an elector is applying for registration, the registration officer shall ascertain if the elector is already registered as a voter. If the elector is previously registered, the elector shall at the time of applying for registration sign an authorization to cancel a previous registration. The secretary of state shall prescribe forms for this purpose. The form may be a part of the application or a separate form. The clerk of the city or township in which the elector is newly registered shall notify the registration officer of the place of previous registration of the authorization to cancel.

(2) An authorization to cancel that indicates a previous address in a state other than this state shall be forwarded to the secretary of state of that state. Notice may be made by forwarding the separate cancellation form, by forwarding the portion of an application listing a previous place of registration, or by forwarding a list certified by the clerk containing the names of people authorizing cancellation.

(3) Notices of cancellation shall contain the name, birth date, and address at which the elector was previously registered, and the name of the city or township of previous registration of all persons authorizing cancellations. Notices shall be sent within 30 days after receipt, but not later than 5 days after the close of registration.

(4) Upon receipt of the notice, the clerk shall cancel the registration of the persons listed on the notice. The clerk receiving the notice shall also notify the clerk of each village in which a person listed on the notice resides of receipt of an authorization to cancel. An authorization to cancel a voter registration signed by the voter and received from another state or a notice from an election official of another state that an elector has registered in that state has the same force and effect as the notice of authorization to cancel of this state.

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